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Of the minorities in Stara Zagora, there is a considerable number of Turks, who even have their own schools, and some Armenians. There are no longer any Jews, as they have emigrated.

#### Freedom of Movement

6. There are no restrictions on being outside before 12:00 midnight. At night there are Militia patrols, however, who request identification of individuals whom they do not recognize.

#### Hotels

7. Among the hotels in Stara Zagora are the Trakya and the Chirpan, both of which were formerly privately-owned, but now they are owned and operated by the State. The Trakya is on the main street; the Chirpan is on a side street.

#### Education

8. There is no high school in Stara Zagora. There is a technical lycée, a commercial lycée, a boys' and a girls' lycée, and carpentry and planing courses. The technical lycée graduates construction and surveying technicians. The technical and commercial lycées accept both boys and girls.

#### Entertainment

9. There are a theater and two cinemas in Stara Zagora. The theater, called Narodni Tiyater (National Theater) was built privately. It is on the main street, next to the park. It has a large hall and is painted light yellow. One of the two cinemas is located opposite the park on the main street; the other is on Boulevard Georgi Dimitrov.
10. The chief enthusiasm for team sports is for football (soccer). There is a soccer field to the east of the city park; it has no seats.

#### Comments:

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1. [ ] most of the houses in Stara Zagora are painted white or sky-blue. 25X1
2. Now called Iosif Stalin.
3. JANIS Number 38 states that the post office, which has a red tower with a white ornament, is also a city landmark.
4. [ ] (date of information 1949) places the population of Stara Zagora at 40,000. JANIS Number 38 states that in 1934 it was 29,857. 25X1

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Plan of Stara Zagora  
 Communists and Government Officials in Stara Zagora

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